

Contoocook Riverway Assn. Meeting
Dec. 19, 2017 7:00 P.M. @ Depot

Attendees: Steve Lux, Brian Erickson, Keith Wallace, Jake Martin, Fred Nystrom, Linda Ogden, & Dottie Brown
Meeting was brought to order by Steve Lux
Keith Wallace read his Treasurers Report. The Starry, Starry, Night Event net was \$800⁰⁰/- of which the Riverway Association will receive 10% soon.
The C.R.A. had "398.⁰⁰" in its account before Starry, Night Event for start up money. S.S. Night has its own separate checking account and Ewing Haines Barbara Bieler are in charge of that.

Fred Nystrom has composed a check list of priorities that need attention around the depot and Pullman too. The coach tarp has been ordered from American Canvas, Kingston, N.H. and should be delivered soon. Cost \$1500.⁰⁰

New checks issued by C.R.A. will now need 2 signatures for amounts over \$500.⁰⁰. All agreed Keith Wallace, Tres. has the Post Office box key.

The verbal agreement between C.R.A. and Chamber of Commerce was discussed regarding payment of phone/internet. A written agreement would be preferred by all. Also, all past visitor center income has gone into our general fund. This amount needs to be kept separate from now on.

Meeting time was discussed. 7:00 P.M. time seems to work for the majority

Semaphore mast was discussed. We hope C. Boudette & Nate Holmes will assist in taking it down (with a lift). A thorough restoration

is needed (sand blasting and powder coating in original colors) and its a major project that requires attention soon. More notice prior to its being worked on will be posted. The brick walkway is a "spring project." Jake Martin has put up caution tape between Pullman and depot to help deter snow machines, etc. from passing through. More granite donations for the area are forthcoming.

Steve hex has contacted the B & M hoping to come up with more educational display items. (They have 2000 +/-) Everything coming or going in the depot has to be documented! We also need more items to display and items to sell.

A visitor to the depot recently came in with a ledger that contained a tremendous amount of information of the comings & goings of the trains etc. over a 2 year period. Dottie Brown asked if he could join us during a meeting after the upcoming holidays so all could view this item. We will follow up on this after New Years.

Hours of operation for the visitors center were discussed. 10 - 4 P.M. Fri. through Mon. work well. CRA. volunteers will ~~host~~ ^{be hosts at} the depot Sat. & Sun.. The Chamber of Commerce will provide hosts on other days. Volunteers are still needed and its preferable that two people be available for each shift. A discussion followed regarding rest room usage. It seems that people needing rest rooms are being sent to the depot specifically for that reason. (Also a guest book should be available for visitors)

Steve Lux expressed concern about the parking lot and its usage. He suggests we lines and handicap access spots be painted in the spring after the patch and seal coat is completed.

Economic & Development Committee will pay for a historic (signage) marker on I89. L. Vance has offered to donate a Keurig coffee machine.

Building committee: Brian Erickson, Steve L. and Jake Martin. Steve has caulked windows before upcoming cold weather sets in. Jake will fix "Coutocook" sign on the outside of the building. Also, recaulk numerous nail holes on inside walls. Repainting will be necessary after completion of this project.

Steve Lux has contacted Newell & Crathern to do an energy audit after Christmas. This will certainly help determine where more insulation is needed. Also, "Do Not Touch" signs should go beside thermostats.

Steve L., Jake M., & Brian E. will meet on Sat regarding ways to "tighten up" building to save on heat costs.

Mark Wuzeler joined the meeting and brought up the idea of applying for grants for maintain. and preservation. This should be done in Jan. to maximize chances for additional funds for various projects. Linda O. and Mark are the events committee and will meet soon.

Keith Wallace is working on a model train show hopefully to be held at the high school this year. More room would be available there.

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The model train show will take place on Sat. May 5th. Keith will be talking with Charlie Dunbar soon. Also, the depot will be open on that day for train show attendees to come in.

Maintenings should be done in early spring for the "brick project".

Keith W. has been offered a spike-donor Gordon Stone. A check for \$56.⁰⁰ was received from — Bartlett. Hanover Ins. bill for \$262.⁰⁰ for liability insurance (quarterly amount) is soon due.

The elevator inspection was discussed. 2 or 3 penalties have been applied and a request for these to be waived (due to lack of use) will be addressed.

Meeting was ended at 8:50 P.M.

N. Brown

Decorating the depot for the holidays was discussed following the meeting. Several members have come forward with ideas, decorations, etc. to add to the depot & Pullman. Thanks to all volunteers!